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SUBJ: PALESTINIAN ATTITUDES

1. EMBOFF TALKED ABOUT LOCAL SITUATION ON APRIL 18 WITH PALESTINIAN INTELLECTUAL WALID KHALIDI (AUB PROFESSOR, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE PALESTINE STUDIES, CLOSE TO ' ARAFAT AND WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY). KHALIDI CONFIRMED VERY HIGH DEGREE OF ANTI- AMERICANISM PREVAILING HERE ESPECIALLY AMONG PALESTINIANS. HE SAID EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF BEIRUT ASSASSINATIONS HAD BEEN VERY GREAT, PARTICULARLY RE PLO SPOKESMAN KAMAL NASSER WHO WAS CHRISTIAN, KNOWN TO BE MODERATE AND NOT INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. (WE HAVE HEARD SAME SENTIMENTS ABOUT KAMAL NASSER EXPRESSED BY STRONGLY- ANTI- FEDAYEEN MEMBERS OF LEBANESE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.)

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2. DISCUSSING " BIG LIE", KHALIKDI SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT AND HAS RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT, ARGUING THAT ISRAELIS HAD NO NEED AT ALL FOR SUCH US ASSISTANCE AND FROM US POINT OF VIEW, THERE ARE GOOD REASONS FOR NOT BECOMING INVOLVED IN THIS TYPE OF OPERATION. HOWEVER, KHALIDI SAID THAT USG HAS BECOME SO IDENTIFIED WITH ISRAEL IN EYES MOST ARABS THAT ALL OUR DENIALS HAD LIMITED EFFECT.

3. KHALIDI SAID EMBASSY SHOULD INDEED TAKE SERIOUSLY REPORTED THREATS ON EMBASSY AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL. HE SAID THAT THREAT COMES FROM COMBINATION OF DELIBERATE DESIRE OF LEADERSHIP, FROM STRONG FEELINGS BELOW LEADERSHIP LEVEL WHICH LATTER UNWILLING OPPOSE, AND FROM SPONTANEOUS ACTION BY INDIVIDUALS HAVING NO RELATION TO AND UNKNOWN BY LEADERSHIP. KALIDI SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR USG, AS FIRST STEP TO REDUCING TENSIONS AND ANTI- AMERICAN HOSTILITY IN AREA, NOT RPT NOT VETO SC RES.

4. KHALIDI SAID THAT EFFORTS BY SOME PALESTINIANS TO PRODUCE A MORE REASONABLE FEDAYEEN FRAME OF MIND HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY SHELVED.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE KHALIDI AGAIN BEING AS FRANK AND HELPFUL AS HIS POSITION ALLOWS.
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